



DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Petition for Reconsideration
Federal Communications Commission Bureau
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Bureau,

Please reconsider the Duluth Public Library application for a late-filed FCC Form 471 application. It is application no. 161010125, Docket No. 13-59, filed July 29, 2016.

We did file our FCC Form 471 application late but only after we discovered our filing hadn't been certified as we believed.

I am the person responsible for the e-rate program at the Duluth Public Library but I was on sick leave, recovering from surgery, during this filing deadline. Our Library Manager, Carla Powers, and I worked through the certification via telephone using the draft I created on June 15, 2016. She believed it was certified as she did not receive any other notifications. I'll attach this draft Form 471 with this letter so that you can see we had it completed before the filing deadline.

When I returned to work July 26, 2016 I believed our Form 471 was filed. I checked to see if I could move ahead with filing FCC Form 486 and discovered at that time that our Form 471 wasn't certified. I confirmed this with USAC and found out that I needed to file for a FCC waiver. I filed this waiver request on July 29, 2016, attaching the draft Form 471 that I had in my file. I didn't know I needed to file and certify a late Form 471. It took me a while to figure out this process and that is why our certified Form 471 has a later date than the initial FCC waiver request.

This is only the second year the Duluth Public Library has filed for rebates in the School and Libraries Program, the E-rate program. My understanding of this e-rate process is not complete and I'm still learning all the steps.

Please grant our waiver request so that we can continue our e-rate filing for 2016 and use any earned rebates to help us provide high-speed internet access and telecommunications as the largest public library in Northeastern Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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